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## **OLR Bill Analysis**

### **SB 1126**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING ADVERTISEMENT BOOKS FOR STATE CENTRAL COMMITTEES.***

##### **SUMMARY:**

State campaign finance law creates a contribution exemption for certain advertising space purchases from town committees. This bill extends the exemption, and its limits, to purchases from state central committees.

Under the bill, business entities and individuals may purchase advertising space valued at up to \$250 and \$50, respectively, in a program (i.e., ad book) or on a sign for a fundraising affair that a state central committee sponsors. Because the purchases are not considered contributions, they are not subject to campaign finance reporting requirements.

The law, unchanged by the bill, prohibits (1) lobbyists and their immediate family members and (2) current and prospective state contractors and their principals, from making such ad book or sign purchases.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

##### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 13      Nay 1      (03/27/2013)